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SUBJECT: ANGOLA IN ZAIRIAN PRESS

1. SUMMARY ZAIRIAN PRESS REPORTED OVER WEEKEND FNLA COMMENT ON CONGRESIONAL ACTION TO REFUSE AID TO FNLA/UNITA, FLEC DENUNICATION OF CONTRACT BETWEEN MPLA AND ENI TO EXPLOIT CABINDA OIL, UNITA DENIAL OF THREAT TO HUAMBO, AND ATTACKED COUNTRIES WHICH, PREVIOUSLY ZAIRE'S
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FRIENDS, HAVE NOW TURN THEIR BACKS ON IT. ALSO REPORTED SECRETARY'S

TESTIMONY BEFORE SENATE COMMITTEE, END.

2. OFFICIAL ZAIRIAN NEWSAGENCY (AZAP) JANUARY 31 CITED FNLA SOURCE TO EFFECT THAT HOLDEN ROBERTO WILL PRESIDE OVER AN FNLA GENERAL ASSEMBLY TO BE HELD SOON IN A REGION OF ANGOLA TO STUDY WAYS AND MEANS OF LAUNCHING A COUNTER-OFFENSIVE. ASSEMBLY WILL INCLUDE COUNCIL OF THE REVOLUTION, THE CENTRAL COMMITTEE, THE POLITICAL BUREAU

AND FNLA YOUTH ORGANIZATIONS. ELSEWHERE, JOHNNY EDUARDO PINNOCK, MEMBER OF NAL POLITICAL BUREAU AND PRIME MINISTER OF THE RDA, TOLD AN AZAP REPORTER THAT THE FNLA RESPECTS THE DECISION OF THE AMERICAN CONGRESS TO REFUSE MILITARY AID TO THE FNLA-UNITA COALITION, ASSUMES THAT IT WEIGHED CAREFULLY THE CONSEQUENCE OF ITS ACT. "ALTHOUGH WE ARE READY TO ACCEPT THE HELP AND SUPPORT OF ALL THOSE COUNTRIES DEDICATED TO THE RELAXATION OF TENSIONS IN THE WORLD, WE ARE OBLIGED NOW TO REAFFIRM THAT WE KNOW, ABOVE ALL, HOW TO COUNT ON OURSELVES. WE PROVED THAT DURING OUR 15 YEAR STRUGGLE AGAINST PORTUGUESE COLONIALISM", SAID PINNOCK.

3. IN COMMUNIQUE ISSUED JANUARY 28 (AND REPORTED ELIMA JANUARY 31) FLEC DENOUNCED AS NULL AND VOID RECENT "CONTRACT" BETWEEN MPLA AND ITALIAN FIRM ENI BY WHICH LATTER WOULD REPLACE GULF OIL AS EXPLOITING COMPANY IN CABINDA. MPLA-ENI ACCORD FOLLOWED GULF' SUSPENSION OF OPERATIONS PENDING CLARIFICATION OF POLITICAL AND MILITARY SITUATION IN THE TERRITORY. FLEC SAID MPLA-ENI UNDERSTANDING DOES NOT BIND THE CABINDAN PEOPLE WHOSE FUTURE INTERESTS AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT WOULD THEREBY BE DAMAGED. IN THE NAME OF ITS PRESIDENT N'ZITA HENRIQUES TIAGO, FLEC SOLEMNLY WARNED THE ITALIAN GOVERNMENT OF THE CONSEQUENCES

FOR FUTURE ITALIAN-CABINDAN RELATIONS UNLESS ENI WITHDRAWS FROM THE ACCORD. FLEC ESTIMATED THAT PAYMENT BY ENI OF \$400 M ROYALTIES TO LUANDA GOVERNMENT WOULD SERVE FURTHER TO ARM PLA, ENABLING IT TO ELIMINATE THE VERY CABINDANS WHO SHOULD BE BENEFITING FROM THE GIFTS WHICH NATURE HAD GRANTED. COMMUNIQUE ALSO CONGRATULATED GULF FOR SUSPENSION OF OPERATIONS, AND SAID THAT GREEDY LEADERS IN LUANDA AND GUINEA BISSAU CAN IN NO WAY COMMIT CABINDANS BY AGREEMENTS WHICH BORDER ON GANGERSTERISM.

4. AZAP FEBRUARY 2 CITED UNITA COMMUNIQUE OF JANUARY 31 WHICH SAID THAT UNITA FORCES, DESPITE HEAVY ENEMY PRESSURE, CONTINUE TO FIGHT UNCLASSIFIED

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COURAGEOUSLY, INFLECTING ON THE ENEMY SERIOUS LOSSES IN MEN AND MATERIEL. DENOUNCED FOREIGN PRESS WHICH, TAKING ITS LEAD FROM LUANDA, IS "DRAMATIZING" THE POLITICO-MILITARY SITUATION IN ANGOLA, SAPPING THE MORALE OF THOSE TRYING TO NORMALIZE THE SITUATION THERE. COMMUNIQUE CATEGORICALLY DENIED SEIZURE BY RUSSO-CUBAN FORCES OF LOBITO AND BENGUELA AND SAID THAT UNITA FORCES, WITH POPULAR SUPPORT, ARE VALIANTLY DEFENDING NOVO REDONDO. DEPLORED BOMBARDMENT OF CIVILIAN POPULATION BY RUSSO-CUBAN FORCES USING HELICOPTERS EQUIPPED WITH

LONG RANGE MISSILES. DISMISSED AS "UNTHINKABLE" THREAT TO HUAMBO WHERE

COMMUNIQUE SAID, SAVIMBI PARTICIPATING PERSONALLY IN DEFENSE OPERATIONS. INSISTED THAT UNITA FORCES, EVEN IN FACE OF ENEMY EQUIPPED WITH MOST MODERN AND SOPHISTICATED WEAPONS, CONTINUES TO HOLD FRONTS AT CELA, MUSENDE AND LUSO. COMMUNIQUE CONCLUDED AS FOLLOWS: "THE PEACE-LOVING WORLD CANNOT CONTINUE TO PLAY THE ROLE OF SPECTATOR. IT MUST FOLLOW ITS HUMANITARIAN INSTINCT AND TRY TO STOP THE RUSSIAN AGGRESSION.

5. SEPARATE AZAP ARTICLE FEBRUARY 2 REPORTED THAT SAVIMBI ARRIVED KINSHASA FEBRUARY 1 TO BRIEF MOBUTU ON CURRENT POLITICO-MILITARY SITUATION IN ANGOLA. REUSING ALL COMMENT ON SITUATION, SAVIMBI REPLIED TO QUESTIONS RE. ALLEGED UNITA/MPLA CONTACTS, SAHIMBI THAT ANY NEGOTIATIONS WOULD HAVE TO INCLUDE ALL 3 MOVEMENTS.

6. AZAP EDITORIAL FEBRUARY 2 ENTITLED "TRUE FRIENDS" DENOUNCED COUNTRIES WHICH, PRIOR TO ANGOLAN AFFAIR, STYLED THEMSELVES FRIENDS AND BROTHERS OF ZAIRE, BUT WHICH NOW GIVE ZAIRE THE "JUDAS KISS". CITED APPROVINGLY THE SOLIDARITY SHOWN BY BOKASSA AND AMIN, CONTRASTING THEIR ATTITUDE WITH THAT OF NIGERIA. EDITORIAL CONCLUDED AS FOLLOWS: "IF, ON THE OTHER HAND, TODAY, RUSSO-CUBAN AGGRESSION, OF WHICH WE HAVE BEEN THE TARGET AT DILOLO, DELIGHTS THOSE WHO HAVE SOLD OUT FOR SOVIET RUBLES, WE TAKE NOTE OF THIS. NOW IS AN OPPORTUNITY FOR US TO IDENTIFY OUR TRUE FRIENDS AND BROTHERS."

7. KINSHASA DAILY ELIMA FEBRUARY 2 CARRIED FRONT PAGE ARTICLE ENTITLED "FORD GOVERNMENT INTENDS TO ASK FOR OVERT AID FOR ANGOLA." QUOTING AT LENGTH FROM THE SECRETARY'S RECENT STATEMENT, ARTICLE SAID THAT THE ADMINISTRATION NOW VIEWS EVENTS IN ANGOLA IN GLOBAL CONTEXT, NOT SIMPLY AS AFRICAN PROBLEM. SAID CONGRESS HAD REJECTED INDIRECT AID OF \$28 FOR FNLA/UNITA, THAT SECRETARY HAD NOT INDICATED AMOUNT OF DIRECT AID ENVISAGED BY ADMINISTRATION. UNCLASSIFIED

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